

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3227

DATED 28 June 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the substitution for the ground rent system ^{for} ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ Godown rent system of storing iron in the premises of the Madras Custom House; and approving the draft notification submitted by the Board of Revenue in consequence of the change.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 14671



From
The Marine Department

Order

No. 372 E

Dated 23 June 1897

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SUBJECT.

Ground rent upon iron stores in the
Iron yards. Madras Harbour

Transferring letter from the Chairman
Harbour Trust & Board offering
his remarks on the subject of the

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BACK PAPERS.

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N^o 531 G.

Sea Customs Collector's office.

Madras 25th January 1897.

Enc.

From.

H. P. Austin Esq.

Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

To.

The Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of 22nd January 1897 4503 enclosing a schedule giving the rates of ground rent or wharfage chargeable on goods stored on Harbour Trust premises and with reference thereto to request that you will be good enough to explain fully for the information of the Board of Revenue and Government the system under which ground rent was charged and collected by the Harbour Trust Board on consignments of iron stored on the beach previous to the land being reutilised from it by this Department.

2. I shall thank you also to let me

Know

Know what space (in square feet) is understood by a "ground" as it is observed that in May 1893 as many as 67 grounds were allotted to various consignees and rents amounting to Rs 335/ collected thereon.

3. The favor of an early reply is requested

I have the

(Sd W. Arishin,
Collector Sea Customs

(True Copy)

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Collector Sea Customs

(True Copy)

Commencement
Assistant Secretary

Harbortrust Board

Traffic Department

N^o 2068T Madras 29th January 1894.

From

The Traffic Manager

Harbortrust

Madras.

To

The Secretary

Harbortrust Board

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to return letter from the Collector Sea Customs, regarding levy of wharfage charges forwarded with your endorsement N^o 2970T of the 26th instant and to inform you that wharfage dues were levied under Section 45 of Act II of 1886 at the rate of Rs 5 per ground per mensum.

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2. The area of a ground for levy of wharfage is taken as 2,400 superficial square feet

3. The schedule of rates does not provide for fractions of grounds or of months. Consequently it sometimes happens that

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that a whole month's wharfage on a whole ground is levied whereas only a portion of a ground has been occupied for a portion of the month. This will explain the apparent discrepancy of more ground having been rented than was available

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(Sd) S. Hutchence
Traffic Manager
Harbor Trust

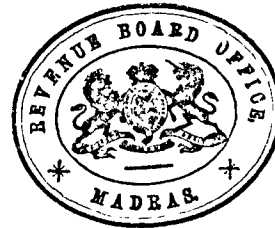
No 4623.

Forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs for information with reference to his letter No 531 G dated 25th January

(Sd) C. P. Vincent
Secretary Harbor Trust Board
(True copy)

(Sd) W. Austin
Collector of Sea Customs
(True copy)

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Assistant Secretary



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 13th February, 1897.

Mis No. 730

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No 6777 G, dated 19th December 1896.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of enclosure returned of Board's Resolution Miscellaneous No 5060 (S.R.) dated 5th December, 1896, referring for report G. O. No 4891 Revenue dated 1st idem, enquiring whether it is not possible to abolish the present godown rent system in respect of iron stored on customs premises on the Beach and substitute the ground rent system as desired by the iron-trade. In reply thereto I beg to solicit a

a reference to para 7 of this office letter
No 3212 G dated 10th July 1895, in which ³⁶⁴²
two alternative methods of collecting ground
rents were proposed in the event of the
godown rent system being abandoned. One
was to lease to iron merchants permanently
grounds at a fixed monthly rental of Rs 700
whether they stored iron on them or not
with a view to avoid any loss that may
possibly occur should certain grounds
not be taken up. The other was to adopt
the Harbour Trust system of levying ground
rent, enhancing their scheduled rates
a little, as proposed by the Chamber,
so as to cover the cost of collection &c.
Since, however, it is clear that it is
not the object of Government to make
a revenue out of godown rent but simply
to work it so as to cover cost of storing
and

and guarding the simplest plan, I consider,
would be to allow the Harbour Trust
Board to make the allotments and arrange
to recover and retain the ground rents,
holding itself responsible for any loss.
This Department would still continue to
exercise control over the iron stored thereon
for customs purposes, no deliveries being
made to consignees except under the Collector's
order. If this proposal is approved, the
sum of Rs 145 now paid monthly to
the Harbour Trust Board for the grounds
leased to this Department for the storage
of iron will be discontinued.

3. It is presumed Government will
address the chairman, Harbour Trust
Board before passing final orders on the subject.

Reference ^{thereon} to the Collector of Sea Customs dated
8th January 1897.

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The Collector is requested to state what rates of ground rent the Harbour Trust Board was levying on iron stored on the beach - previous to the land being rented from it by Government for the purpose in order that the same rates may be levied and made over to the credit of the Harbour Trust Board if the proposal in the Collector's present letter is adopted.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No 7759 dated 1st February 1897.

Adverting to Board's Reference dated 8th January 1897 on General Register No 13764 of 1896, I have the honor to forward herewith
(a) Copy of a letter addressed by me to the Chairman of the Harbour Trust Board and of his reply from which it will be seen that wharfage at Rs 5 per ground per mensem according to their schedule of rates, was charged by
(b) ^{(a) No 531 G dated 25th January 1897}
^{(b) No 4623 dated 29th January 1897}
^{equal to 2400 superficial square feet}
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the Harbour Trust on consignments of iron stored on their premises, prior to the lands being rented to this Department, - fractions of grounds and fractions of calendar months being treated as whole grounds and whole months for calculation of rent. Thus if 5 consignees stored their consignments of iron on one ground for a period embracing portion of one calendar month and portion of another, the Harbour Trust Board would formerly recover Rs 10 from each consignee or Rs 50 from the 5 consignees for the use of one and the same ground during the period in question. This arrangement appears to have been - accepted in the past without demur by Iron importing merchants and it is presumed they are still agreeable to it.

2. There is no objection to this Department undertaking the collection of the rents and making them over to the credit of

of the Harbour Trust Board as contemplated
by the Board in its reference under reply

In that case the sum of Rs 145 now paid
monthly by this department to the Harbour
Trust for the lands rented to it will cease.

3. I enclose for the Board's information
a printed copy of the schedule of rates
framed under Section 45 Act II of 1886
giving the rates of ground rent (wharfage)
chargeable on all goods stored on
the Board's premises.

4. If the new scheme is to be adopted
I request that the necessary notification
may be published and that the notification vide
under which godown rent on iron is at
present levied be cancelled.

Fort St George
Gazette dated
25th September
1894 page 1471
Part II

Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference
to Government order No 4891 Revenue
dated 1st December 1896.

2. The Board considers that in the
circumstances

circumstances stated in the Government order
the ground rent system in accordance with the
rates collected by the Harbour Trust Board
previous to the renting of the yards to Government
may be substituted for the godown rent
system for the iron stored in the iron yards
and the receipts credited to the Harbour
Trust Board. But as the yards have been
declared part of the Custom House, the rent
will have to be levied under the Sea
Customs Act and made over to the
Harbour Trust Board and the rent
now paid to it for the ground by the
Customs department cease. This
arrangement will put an end to the loss
sustained by Government under the
present system as pointed out in para
2 of the Board's Proceedings recorded
in Government order No 3328 Revenue
dated 18th August 1896

3. A draft notification cancelling that issued in 1894 regarding the levy of ground rent at the present rate and authorizing the levy of rent at Rs 5 per frank per month in accordance with the practice of the Harbour Trust Board is submitted for approval. The Harbour Trust Board may, however, be consulted on these proposals.

4. The Notification, if approved will be published by the Board under Section 199 of the Sea Customs Act.

(True Copy and Extract)

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

with a draft notification & printed enclosure

For Secretary Sea Customs, Madras
with a draft notification.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, Sep. Rev. No: 730
dy 13th Feby: 1897.

Order thereon No. 1473 dy 16th Mar: 1897

Transferred to the Marine
Department for favour of re-
marks.

(True Extract)

Don C Davidson
Under Secy to Govt.

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To the Marine Dept.

Harbour Trust Office,

MADRAS, 21st May 1897.

No. 584

FROM

J.N. Atkinson Esq. I.C.S.,

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

The Hon'ble Colonel D. McNeil Campbell R.E.,

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Memo dated 22nd April No. 284 F Marine, referring to the Harbour Trust Board for remarks current No. 2103 of 1897. Revenue Department, herewith returned with enclosures.

2. The schedule of proposed amended charges for godown rent upon goods deposited in a Custom House concerns the Chamber of Commerce, the Trades Association, and the native Merchants of Madras, and it is presumed that the opinion of the Trustees is not required thereon.

3. It is observed that the rate for iron stored on Harbour Trust property, rented by the Customs authorities and declared "part of the Custom House", has been brought into conformity with the rate framed under Section 45 Act II of 1886, and if the proposed notification is issued, this rate should, apparently, meet the wishes of Merchants engaged in the iron trade, so far as charges for storage are concerned.

4. The Trustees anticipate no difficulty in collecting the fees on goods stored in the iron yard, and propose to undertake to do so themselves. They await the settlement of the larger question of the custody of goods landed, and of the provision of suitable accommodation at the proposed

Boatbasin.

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Boatbasin; and they would solicit the favour of early orders upon these two questions, which are regarded as of great moment to the trade of this port.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. H. Atkinson.

Chairman,
Harbour Trust Board.

[Signature]
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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

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Dated Madras, 2^o June 1897.

From the Chairman, Harbour
Trust Board, Madras, No. 884 dated
21st May 1897.

Transferred to the Revenue
Department.

J. R. P. S. Col. R. L.,
Secretary to Govt.

The Revenue Dept.
with papers in original.

The Hon. Mr. Bliss C. J. E.
His Excellency the Governor.

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For orders

Please see G.O. 4891, dated
1.12.96. In this order, the
Board of Revenue was directed
to report whether, in respect of
iron stored in the Customs yards,
the godown rent system might
not be abolished and ground
rent ^{system} substituted instead.
The current read above em-
bodies the Board's report on
this reference.

The Board makes
the following suggestions:—

i That a wharfage fee
of Rs 5 per ground (i.e. 2400
superficial square feet) per
month, which was charged
by the Harbour Trust Board
on consignments of iron stored
on their premises, prior to the
introduction of the system
of godown rent, may be
substituted in the place of
the latter.

ii That the proposed
ground rent may be levied
by the Customs Department
and

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and made over to the credit of the Harbour Trust Board; and, should this proposal be approved,

iii that the sum of Rs 146 now being paid monthly by the Customs Department to the H. T. B. for the use of the ground for the storage of iron should not be paid in future. This arrangement, the Board points out would put an end to the loss sustained by Govt. on account of the godown rent falling at times considerably below the amount paid by the Customs Department to the Harbour Trust Board for the use of the land.

3. In conformity with these proposals, the Board submits for approval draft of a notification, which it proposes to issue, cancelling that issued in 1894 and authorizing the levy of rent at Rs 5 per ground per month. The three notifications published at pp. 91 to 94 of the pamphlet containing notifications and rules

These notifications mentioned in the Table

Note
* Except in regard to iron, the rates are the same as those now in force (vide pp 91 to 93 of the pamphlet put up)

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3 rules under the Sea Customs Act have been consolidated in the draft notification submitted by the Board of Revenue. 4 As the Board ^{of Revenue} suggested a reference to the Harbour Trust Board, before final orders were passed by Government on its proposals, the papers were transferred to the Marine Department with Enclat No. 1473, of 16.3.97.

5. The H. T. B. points out that, ^{as} the schedule of proposed amended ^x charges for godown rent upon goods deposited in a Custom House concerns the Chamber of Commerce, the Trades Assocⁿ, the opinion of the Trustees, on the subject is not required. The Trustees, however, are of opinion, that if the proposed notification, be issued, the rates therein ^{entered} ~~proposed~~ should apparently meet the wishes of merchants engaged in the iron trade, so far as storage charges are concerned. As regards the collection of fees

fees on goods stored in the
 iron yard, they anticipate
 no difficulty and propose to
 undertake the duty themselves.
 of the 6 It does not seem
 and, necessary to consult the wishes
 but of the merchants engaged
 in the iron trade. The Collector
 states in para 1 of his letter
 by N. 7759, of 18th February 1897
 to the effect that "this arrangement appears
 from to have been accepted in the
 past without demur by
 the iron importing merchants
 and it is presumed they are
 still agreeable to it." The
 request to substitute ground
 rent system for godown rent
 system emanated from the
 Chamber of Commerce and
 the proposed rates of ground
 rent are the same as those
 previously paid by merchants
 to the Harbour Trust Board.

7. Submitted that the
 following order may be
 issued.

Containing rules

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+ published at pp 817 & 818 of Part II
 of F.S.G. Gazette of 13.7.97

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G.O. No. 3227 of 28th June 97.
 The Board's proposals
 in para 2 of its Proceedings,
 N. 730, of 13th February 1897
 are sanctioned. To prevent
 possible difficulty in their
 realization, the fees must
 be collected under the Sea
 Customs Act and made over
 to the Harbour Trust Board.

2. The notification
 submitted by the Board of the
 is approved and will be
 returned ^{bit} for publication
 at a very early date.

3. The question of entrusting the H.T.B.
 with the custody of goods landed is under
 reference to the Govt of India while that of
 providing suitable accommodation at the
 proposed boat basin will be dealt with in
 the Marine Dept.

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 The Board of Rev (Seps: Rev)
 The Marine Dept.
 Copy to the H.T.B. thro' the
 Marine Dept.
 copies to the Secy General
 des. 11-8.97